

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-56, 58-90, and 92-93 were pending. Of these claims, claims 7, 51-56, and 85-90 were withdrawn from consideration. None of the claims has been amended.

Applicant respectfully notes that although the Examiner indicated consideration of four Information Disclosure Statements, he did not indicate consideration of another four Information Disclosure Statements: two that were received by the USPTO on October 28, 2005 and January 17, 2006 and two that were mailed by Applicant June 1, 2006, and November 10, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner indicate consideration of the documents submitted with these Information Disclosure Statements by initialing the PTO-1449 forms submitted therewith and attaching same to the next communication to Applicant.

Applicant previously filed a declaration and appropriate attached exhibits according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 to overcome Sharma and Deianov. The Examiner stated that these documents were ineffective to overcome the references of record.

Claims 1-6, 8-11, 37-46, 50, 58-59, 75-80, 84, and 92-93 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Sharma. Claims 47-49 and 81-83 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sharma in view of Official Notice. Claims 12-36 and 60-74 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sharma in view of Deianov.

On February 5, 2007, Applicant's representative Robert R. Sachs (Reg. No. 42,120) and Supervisory Patent Examiner Nathan J. Flynn had a telephone interview during which they discussed the previously-filed §1.131 declaration and exhibits. SPE Flynn stated that the declaration and exhibits were effective to overcome the references of record. SPE Flynn also stated that the outstanding rejections would be withdrawn and that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are now allowable over the cited art of record and requests that the Examiner allow this case. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in order to advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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